

CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET FOR THE NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.

Board of Control Favours

MELROSE BUSINESS

Notice of Town Election—New Agent
Appointed—Church Services.

BUILDINGS TO BE HANDSOME

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TO BE LET FOR
THE NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

Dimensions and Modern Architecture.

Must be Let by Dec. 20.

After a lengthy session Tuesday, the Board of Control met in the morning, and the Board of Control has finished its labors here, and adjourned at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, after having let the contract for two university buildings to W. T. Hadlow Company, Jacksonville.

There were present at this meeting of the board Hon. N. F. Bryan, businessman, Jacksonville; A. L. Brown of Epworth, P. J. Long of Pensacola, Mo. King of Arcadia and J. G. Kellum of Tallahassee, secretary. Mr. Adams of Winterville was the only member of the board not present, being detained on account of urgent business.

Bids Considered.

The board spent a greater part of the time in considering bids for the erection of the buildings, there being 16 submitted, and of these 12 were rejected. After due and careful consideration the committee was let to the Hadlow Company, who first offered to build the buildings and furnish all materials and labor for \$100,000.

What Contract Provides.

The contract calls for one college building and one dormitory building, 100x40, of brick and tile, and the material to be used will be brick and McCarroll stone, which will make a handsome effect. The college building will be 100x40, three stories, which will afford ample room for the next ten years. The dormitory specifications provide for a building 340x70, three stories high, which is calculated to provide accommodation for the professors and 150 students.

The contract provides that the college buildings must be completed by August 1, and the dormitory by September 1, 1906, and the contractor promises to begin work as soon as possible.

Attorney W. W. Hampton of this city presented representations of the board.

Board Selects Location.

The board visited the University grounds and were well pleased with the same. They made a thorough inspection and selected the location upon which the buildings for which the contract had been awarded should be erected. A surveyor will be sent here within the next few days to lay out the road to the new site to be located.

There are other buildings, such as

cottage, barns etc., to be erected at the same time the college and dormitory are going up, but these were not included in the contract. Bids will be opened and considered, and the contract probably let at the next meeting of the board, which adjourned to meet in Jacksonville on January 1, 1906.

Members of the board left for their respective homes Wednesday. Secretary Kellum, however, expects to remain here until Saturday, as he has some unfinished affairs of the body to wind up before leaving for Tallahassee.

Are Well Pleased.

The board is well pleased, not only with the site for the University but with the city of Gainesville as a whole, and express the belief that this will make an ideal university town, the atmosphere being clean, moral and well-furnished.

W. E. Merrill Passed Away, After Having Arrived From Tampa.

Watson, December 18.—The town was shocked to learn 10 o'clock Tuesday night that it had been discovered that Mr. W. E. Merrill was in a dying condition. He arrived in Waldo from Tampa on the 4 o'clock train and walked to his home. His wife asked him if he would have breakfast and he replied that as he had been off the road all night he would go to sleep. In about two hours she heard him groaning and went to his room and found him unconscious, in which condition he remained until 5 o'clock when he died.

Mr. Hodges of Gainesville was called, but Mr. Merrill was too far gone.

He was an employee of the Seaboard and was considered one of the best carpenters on the road.

He is survived by a wife and two children, and a large savings belongs to the bereaved family.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

CUT MAN IN COURT.

Serious Difficulty Occurred Between

Men at Trial.

Gainesville, Dec. 13.—J. M. Ingram, a known Confederate veteran, a citizen, and a fatality, was shot yesterday by the name of Pentacost, a man from the Central District.

Pentacost has been a witness against Ingram in some domestic trouble and Ingram is said to have threatened his life.

They were at trial late tonight before the officers present could stop Ingram he had cut Pentacost about five times. One of them was a vein in the neck, another in the hand, another in the arm.

Police and friends was in the melee, but not badly. Ingram is charged with assault with intent to murder.

Packages of Jewelry Stolen.

Melrose, Dec. 13.—Three packages containing articles of jewelry, watch cases and works to the value of \$2,500, disappeared from an express wagon.

The packages were left under the seat while the driver stepped across the street. When he returned they were gone. They were exchanged in jewelry stores in Melrose and were about to be delivered to a similar event occurred last week when a package valued at \$1,000 disappeared.

H. W. Hamlin treated quite a number of his friends to a delightful evening in his new launch on Sunday afternoon.

A heavy rain fell during the afternoon and the boat was unable to get away.

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